Annual Report

of the

Water Commissioners, Prudential Committee, Fire Engineers, and Treasurer

of the

North Easton Village District

for the

Year ending March 31, 1911

NORTH EASTON

OFFICERS

of The

North Easton Village District

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1911

Water Commissioners.

W. H. AMES, Term expires 1913
CYRUS LOTHROP, Term expires 1912
OLIVER AMES, Term expires, 1911

Prudential Committee.

JOHN J. McCARTHY
SANDER LARSON
CORNELIUS LYONS, Secretary

Clerk and Treasurer.

RALPH W. CRAIG, Clerk
DAVID SANGREN, Treasurer

Fire Engineers.

JOHN BALDWIN
FREDERICK HANLON
PATRICK J. O'NEIL

Auditors.

GEORGE C. BARROWS
CHARLES A. LEACH

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

To the Citizens of the North Easton Village District :—

The Board of Water Commissioners beg to submit herewith the twenty-fourth annual report of the North Easton Village District Water Works, as follows :—

There are at the present time about 628 water takers. 288 of these are metered. Several service connections have been discontinued and the few new ones which have been made leave the number about the same as last year.

44,633,569 gallons of water have been pumped. This is about 5,000 gallons per day less than last year.

The only extension has been 115 feet of 1 1-4 inch pipe on Holmes Street.

Between April 1, 1910, and November 1, 1910, there were 32 renewals and new connections.

Last June the standpipe was repaired and painted.

During the month of April, the work of installing two horizontal return tubular boilers at the pumping station was completed, at a cost of $1788.00.

In anticipation of these expenses, your Commissioners made requisition upon the North Easton Village District for $2500.00, which had previously been appropriated.

The financial statement for the past year is as follows :—

NORTH EASTON WATER WORKS.
February 28, 1911.

Statement.

Cash on hand March 1, 1910,	$4,662.62	
Received from Faucet Service,	2,282.40	
" " Meter Service,	5,421.23	
" " Sale of Meters and Merchandise,	145.16	
" " North Easton Village District,	2,500.00	
" Interest on Deposit,	148.16	$15,159.57
Paid for Operating Expenses,	$2,293.81	
" Repairs,	2,107.13	
" Meters and Merchandise,	402.20	
" Interest on Bonds,	2,800.00	
" North Easton Savings Bank Deposit,	2,000.00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1911,	$5,556.43	$15,159.57

Operating Expense Account.

Received from Faucet and Hydrant Service,	$2,282.40	
" " Meter Service,	5,421.23	$7,703.63

Operating Expenses.

Paid Engineer,	$1,000.00	
" Clerk,	300.00	
" Wm. H. Clements, Reading Meters,	50.00	
" Eagle Oil & Supply Co., Pump Valves and Oil,	43.22	
" Telephone Service, Postage, Paper, etc.,	4.75	
" Oliver Ames & Sons Corporation, Supplies,	11.45	
" L. B. Crockett, Envelopes,	11.24	
" A. B. Anderson, Labor on Extension and New Connections,	47.41	
" N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., Freight,	97.44	
" Howes Express Co.,	6.74	
" M. L. Cobb, 261,110 lbs. Coal,	396.33	
" Owen McKenna, Labor,	4.00	
" J. J. McCarthy, Carting Coal,	46.62	
" Con. Dailey, Labor on Renewals and New Connections,	257.96	
" Hooper, Lewis & Co., North Easton Water Works Register,	9.50	
" Gardner Job Print, Printing,	7.15	$2,293.81

Repairs.

Paid J. J. McCarthy, Carting Boilers,	30.00	
" The Hodge Boiler Works,	1788.00	
" Henry R. Worthington, Valve Box,	.80	
" E. E. Kelley, Asbestos Paper and Repairs,	.95	
" H. M. Chaplin, Painting Standpipe,	167.10	
" Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., Paint,	79.00	
" Winthrop M. Jones, Labor,	22.50	
" Oliver Ames & Sons, Supplies,	4.90	
" Geo. H. DeWitt & Son, Lumber,	13.88	2,107.13

Merchandise.

Paid Oliver Ames & Sons, Supplies,	75.71	
" Sumner & Gerald, Pipe and Supplies,	111.39	
" Walworth Manufacturing Co., Service Boxes,	11.22	
" Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., Pipe,	102.98	

Paid Thomson Meter Co., Meters,	$100.80	
" E. E. Kelley, Plug,	.10	402.20
" Interest on Bonds,		2,800.00
		$7,603.14
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures,		$100.49

Extension.

Holmes Street, 115 feet 1 1-4 inch pipe, Labor and Mdse.,	37.70

Financial Condition.

Original Plant,	75,414.57	
Extensions,	17,027.15	
Reservoir,	10,488.40	
Merchandise,	1,291.92	
Deposit in North Easton Savings Bank,	4,000.00	
Cash,	5,556.43	113,778.47

Bond Account.

Due August 1, 1912,	5,000.00	
Due August 1, 1917,	65,000.00	70,000.00

Bond Holders.

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank,	40,000.00	
North Easton Savings Bank,	30,000.00	70,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. AMES,
OLIVER AMES,
CYRUS LOTHROP, Water Commissioners.

We have examined the accounts of the Water Commissioners, and found the same correct.

G. C. BARROWS,
CHARLES A. LEACH, Auditors.

REPORT OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of North Easton Village District:—

Gentlemen:

We beg hereby to submit the following report for the year ending March 31, 1911.

Sidewalks.

Appropriation,	$2000.00
Expenditure,	2102.23
Exceeded appropriation,	102.23

Itemized statement of work performed and money expended on building and repairing sidewalks:

North Main Street,	17 1-2 ft. × 7 1-3 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd.=	$7.45
" " "	54 ft. × 5 2-3 ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd.=	19.83
" " "	17 1-2 ft. × 7 1-3 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd.=	7.45
" " "	5 ft. × 5 1-2 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	1.98
" " "	6 ft. × 4 2-3 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	2.02
" " "	20 ft. × 6 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	8.66
South Main Street,	133 ft. × 5 1-4 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd.=	46.55
" " "	37 ft. × 7 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	18.7
" " "	2 sq. yds. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	1.30
Lincoln Street,	392 ft. × 6 1-3 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd.=	165.54
" "	24 ft. × 6 ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd.=	5.60
" "	17 ft. × 6 ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd.=	3.97
" "	6 1-2 ft. × 6 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	2.82
Day Street,	4 ft. × 2 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	.58
" "	6 1-2 ft. × 5 1-2 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd.=	2.58
Amount carried forward,		$294.04

Amount brought forward,	$294.04
Sheridan Street, 5 1-2 ft. × 5 1-2 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd. =	2.19
" " 6 ft. × 5 1-3 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd. =	2.31
" " 5 ft. × 2 3-4 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd. =	1.00
" " 6 ft. × 2 1-2 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd. =	1.08
" " 59 ft. × 6 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd. =	23.60
Columbus Avenue, 379 3-4 ft. × 6 ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd. =	88.61
" " 15 ft. × 6 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd. =	6.50
Spooner Street, 668 1-2 ft. × 6 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd. =	267.40
Barrows Street, 89 ft. × 15 1-2 ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd. =	53.65
Centre Street, 24 2-3 ft. × 5 2-3 ft. @ 65c ℔ sq. yd. =	10.10
Pond Street, 88 1-2 ft. × 5 1-2 ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd. =	18.93
Memorial Hall Frontage, 3004 2-3 sq. ft. @ 35c ℔ sq. yd. =	116.85
Linden Street, 419 1-2 ft. × 5 1-2 ft. @ 60c ℔ sq. yd. =	153.82
Day labor,	79.90
Mechanic Street, 165 1-2 ft. curbing @ 45c ℔ ft. =	74.48
" " 165 1-2 ft. × 5 3-4 ft. @ $1.60 ℔ sq. yd. =	166.73
" " 16 1-2 ft. × 1-2 ft. @ $1.60 ℔ sq. yd. =	1.47
" " Lampblack,	4.00
Linden Street, 290 1-2 ft. curbing, set @ 13c ℔ ft. =	37.77
Holmes Street, 218 1-2 ft. curbing, set @ 13c ℔ ft. =	28.41
For dynamite and extra labor in blasting,	18.40
" cutting curbing at entrances,	21.95
" extra work, carting curbing,	2.25
Linden Street, 161 ft. curbing @ 45c ℔ ft. =	72.45
" " 1 cement step, 4 ft. @ 50c ℔ ft. =	2.00
Paid for 483 ft. of curbing @ 68c ℔ ft. =	328.44
" " 462 ft. " @ 45c ℔ ft. =	207.90
" " curbing, ends of Bridge Street,	15.00
Total,	$2102.23

The rate of district tax for the year just ended is $1.90 per $1000.00, whilst that of the previous year was $2.90, thereby showing a reduction of 35 per cent., the lamentations and prognostications of a few

disgruntled economists (so-called) to the contrary notwithstanding.

It can be seen by the above tabulated report that 165 1-2 feet of granolithic sidewalk have been built, which cost $246.68; and this sum includes cost of curbing, with $4.00 for lampblack which is used for beautifying the work and other obvious reasons.

It may not be out of place here to compare the cost of building granolithic sidewalks similar to what may be seen on Mechanic Street with what is commonly known as tarred concrete, curbed with Wrentham granite, such as we have been building in years past. A yard of granolithic sidewalk six feet wide, with curved curbing, as there is in the Mechanic Street job, costs $4.55; and for the same yard of tarred concrete, curbed with Wrentham granite, this District has been paying $4.75 those past years, and this price does not include cost of gravel, which is sometimes necessary for filling hollow places prior to laying the concrete. And by the way, the price of gravel has been increased *100 per cent.* during the past year! And as regards wear and tear, the people can judge for themselves.

In the matter of curbing, here is another comparison. Granolithic per foot costs 45c, while granite is from 81c to 1.03 per foot. It can be seen from the tabulated statement above that we built 462 feet of curbing which cost $207.90, but which in former years would cost about $400, and if concreted, would cost about $250 more. This sidewalk was built from the junction of Reynolds and Seaver Streets to the southern extremity of the latter and around by Maple as far as Mr. Butler's residence.

The sidewalks are now in better condition than ever they were; and as to the building of those public conveniences in the future, it is for the citizens of the District, at their next annual meeting (30th inst.) to decide whether the material is to be gravel, tar, or cement, and so instruct their committee.

It is safe to predict, that in this age of progressiveness, the granolithic will fast supersede the tarred concrete sidewalk, and that a few years hence the latter will be just as rare as the proverbial white blackbird on our streets.

Street Lights.

Appropriation,	$4000.00
Expenditure for year ending February 28, 1911,	3988.74
Unexpended,	$11.26

Two additional lamps were erected during the past year,—one on Linden Street about halfway between Pleasant and North Main Streets, and the other on the yet unnamed private avenue which branches off North Main in a somewhat northerly direction through the woods, taking a rectangular bend opposite Mr. P. Harlow's in a northeasterly course, and terminating at the residence of Mr. Swan Hägg ; making a total of 161 lamps now in use, including three outage.

Snow Account.

Appropriation,	$500.00
Expenditure for year ending February 28, 1911,	131.50
Unexpended,	$368.50

Watchmen and Police.

Appropriation,	$1200.00
Expenditure for year ending February 28, 1911,	$1200.00

Miscellaneous Charges.

Appropriation,	$250.00
Expenditures,	255.10
Exceeded appropriation,	$5.10

The items of expenditure for those charges are as follows :—

Moderator's fee,	$10.00
Election expenses, (double gangs),	28.00
Late treasurer's postage and stationery,	2.10
District reports and warrants, (printing),	42.00
Repairs on police alarm, (last year's),	2.50
District Officers' salaries and other expenses :—	
Prudential Committee, (salaries),	75.00
Treasurer, "	50.00
Clerk, "	10.00
Sundries,	35.50
Total,	$255.10

Recapitulation.

Appropriations :—

Sidewalks,	$2000.00
Street Lighting,	4000.00
Snow,	500.00
Police and Watchmen,	1200.00
Miscellaneous Charges,	250.00
Total amount appropriated,	$7950.00

Expenditure :—

Sidewalks,	$2102.23
Street Lighting,	3988.74
Snow,	132.70
Police and Watchmen,	1200.00
Miscellaneous Charges,	255.10
Total amount of above expended,	$7678.77

General balance of unexpended appropriations, $271.23

SANDER LARSON,
JOHN J. McCARTHY,
CORNELIUS LYONS,
PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Before retiring from the service of the District, I wish to direct the attention of the tax payers to an item of expense in this report under the heading of "Miscellaneous Charges", where it is shown that the election expenses of a district meeting now amount to $38.00, and it should be a good deal more were the clerk to demand the salary in full to which he is entitled under the new District law which reads thus:—

"That the Moderator, Tellers, and Clerk, be paid for their services at this and future meetings, the same as paid at the Town Meeting." And I remember this motion was carried with acclamation and some hat waving at the annual meeting two years ago. Let us just see the working and the fruits of this more than liberal law. The report above shows that tellers received $28.00, that is, $3.50 each, for eight lightning calculators for services rendered.

You will remember that the services of one corps appointed by the then clerk, terminated after about one minute's duration, those experts having to vacate to make room for a new set immediatedly appointed by the newly-elected moderator. And still there were no "corrupt practices" used in the manipulation of this little innocent scheme for to make a few dollars under this beautiful new law. A lightning calculator at this rate would receive $1,693,400.00 per annum.

CORNELIUS LYONS, Secretary.

ENGINEERS' REPORT

North Easton, March 1st, 1911.

To the Citizens of the North Easton Village District:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the Annual report of the North Easton Fire Dept. for the year ending March 1st, 1911.

There have been 21 bell alarms during the year, and the total property loss was $4,000.00, fully covered by insurance.

The department has answered and performed valuable service on a large number of calls outside the district, particularly on forest fires which caused a heavy damage, and called for exacting work and hard service from this department.

Our fire alarm system has had a number of improvements made in it, but in order to keep it up on the line, this year at least twenty new poles must be installed to replace those which were installed 10 years ago, and which have commenced to deteriorate badly.

The Board of Fire Underwriters have inspected our equipment, and while they have approved and commended the same, they have suggested, in order to keep up to their requirements, that a chemical tank be added to our apparatus, which we hope to be able to do with our regular appropriation.

We recommend $1,400.00 be raised and appropriated for the support of the Fire Department.

J. BALDWIN, Chief Engineer,
F. HANLON, First Assistant,
P. J. O'NEIL, Second Assistant,
Board of Engineers.

FRED'K HANLON, Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dr.

Appropriation, 1910,	$1375.00

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Salaries of Board of Engineers,	$75.00	
Salary of Electrician,	25.00	
J. W. Baldwin, Carpenter Work,	52.50	
Combination Ladder Co., Chemical Tanks,	65.80	
John Baldwin, Chemicals,	8.65	
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., Supplies,	168.75	
Daniel Lordan, Janitor,	50.00	
O. Ames & Sons Store, Supplies,	4.79	
Howes' Express,	6.75	
Pettingill-Andrews Co., Supplies,	30.87	
Work of Linemen,	13.00	
C. Callahan Co., Supplies,	74.15	
Howe & French, Soda,	2.24	
Clements Coal Co., Coal,	107.60	
A. B. Sladen, Supplies,	19.89	
Hilton Coupling Co., Couplers,	16.00	
S. S. Ryder, Care Striker,	6.00	
Hose No. 1 and Hook and Ladder No. 1, Salaries,	360.00	
C. P. Dailey, Janitor,	37.50	
J. J. McCarthy, Horses,	52.50	
E. T. Ellis, Supplies,	2.50	
Adams Express Co., Expressage,	3.15	
E. E. Kelley, Lanterns,	4.15	
J. Baldwin, Painting,	132.69	1,319.48
Balance,		$55.52

NORTH EASTON VILLAGE DISTRICT

District Meeting held Tuesday evening, March 29th, 1910.

James F. Burke received 22 vote and was elected Moderator.

Voted that the reports of the District Officers be laid on the table.

Result of ballot for District Officers:

District Clerk—Ralph W. Craig, 244 votes; James A. Burns, 240 votes.

District Treasurer—David Sangren, 248 votes; James A. Burns, 236 votes.

Prudential Committee—Charles A. Andrews, 248 votes; Cornelius Lyons, 254 votes; Sander Larson, 256 votes; J. J. McCarthy, 249 votes; Philip Wilde, 219 votes; John J. Flynn, 216 votes.

Water Commissioner—Cyrus Lothrop, 486 votes.

Fire Engineers—John Baldwin, 485; Fred'k Hanlon, 481 votes; P. J. O'Neil, 482 votes.

Auditors—Charles A. Leach, 484 votes; Geo. Barrows, 484 votes.

Voted to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars ($2,000) for building and repairing sidewalks.

Voted to raise and appropriate four thousand dollars ($4000) for erecting and maintaining street lights.

Voted to appropriate two hundred fifty dollars ($250) for miscellaneous expenses.

Voted to appropriate five hundred ($500) for removing snow.

Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars ($1000), and appropriate three hundred seventy-five ($375) for support of Fire Department.

Voted to authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Voted to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars ($1200) for the purpose of employing two watchmen and police officers to be under the control of the Prudential Committee.

A motion to dismiss Article 7 was lost by the following vote: 94 yes, 184 no.

Voted that the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars ($550) be raised and appropriated to pay Patrick Costello for his services as police officer and watchman during the years of nineteen hundred and eight and nineteen hundred and nine, the money to be paid before April 30, 1910; votes, 215 yes, 148 no.

Voted that the Prudential Committee be instructed to build a sidewalk on the extention of Linden Street as recently laid out by the town, and that the sum, two hundred seventy-five dollars ($275) be ap-appropriated for that purpose.

Voted that the Annual District Meeting be beld the last Thursday in March.

Voted to accept the reports of the district officers.

Voted to adjourn.

JAMES A. BURNS, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED MAR. 31, 1911

DR.

To amount on hand March 31, 1910,		$3865.09
" Interest		4.39
" Loan		3000.00
" Town Treasurer, for taxes for	1908,	63.16
" " "	1909,	281.85
" " "	1910,	8438.10
" David J. O'Connell,		50.25
" Interest,		.73
		$15703.57

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By Police,		$1200.00
" Sidewalks,		2000.00
" Street Lights,		3988.74
" Removing Snow,		131.50
" Loan and Interest,		3042.50
" Water Works,		2500.00
" Miscellaneous,		255.10
" Fire Department,		1319.48
Balance on hand,		1266.25
		$15703.57

DAVID S. INGREN,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and found the same correct.

G. C. BARROWS,
CHARLES A. LEACH,
Auditors.

WARRANT OF THE NORTH EASTON VILLAGE DISTRICT

The legal voters of the North Easton Village District are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will be held in Ames Memorial Hall, on March 30, 1911, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to transact the following business:

ART. I. To choose a moderator as presiding officer.

ART. II. To choose District Officers, viz.: prudential committee, clerk, treasurer, fire engineers, and auditors, for the ensuing year, and water commissioner for three years.

ART. III. To see if the District will accept the reports of the Prudential Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Fire Engineers, and Auditors, for the past year.

ART. IV. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as will be sufficient to defray the district charges for the ensuing year.

ART. V. To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. VI. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

Signed,

SANDER LARSON.
JOHN J. McCARTHY.
CORNELIUS LYONS, Secretary.

RALPH W. CRAIG, Clerk.